



Government-wide Strategic Solution for Desktops and Laptops Buying Event



Background

OMB established the Workstations Category Team (WCT), a consortium of over 20 agencies, to develop a framework and strategy for addressing multiple interagency vehicles in the Information Technology workstation space (laptops, desktops; etc.) to manage the spend, reduce cost, and increase value through application of strategic sourcing principles. The end result was the establishment of the Government-wide Strategic Solutions for Desktops and Laptops (GSS).

Objectives

GSA IT Schedule 70 will be conducting its first buying event during 4th Quarter 2016. GSA will request Federal Agencies to provide estimated quantities NLT June 30, 2016 in order to obtain maximum volume discounts, which will streamline agency buying and drive down costs.

This buying event is in accordance with **OMB Memo M-16-02**, <https://www.whitehouse.gov/sites/default/files/omb/memoranda/2016/m-16-02.pdf>, Improving Demand Management Practices (Aggregate demand to support leveraged buying events) and in support of GSS and the IT Hardware Category.

GSA will conduct this acquisition through the **GSA Reverse Auction** Platform based on estimated Agency requirements, and issue manufacturer-specific, single-award Government-wide Blanket Purchase Agreements (BPAs) covering the six (6) GSS standard-configurations to the Original Equipment Manufacturer (OEM) authorized resellers. These BPAs will be made accessible via the **GSA AdvantageSelect** platform which allows agencies to purchase online without further competition.

Next Steps - How to Utilize the GSA Desktop/Laptop Buying Event

1. Submit your anticipated Q4 Desktop and Laptop requirements via Email to workstations@gsa.gov as soon as possible but preferably no later than June 30, 2016.
2. GSA will announce availability of the Buying Event BPAs through several channels, including the **Acquisition Gateway**, <https://hallways.cap.gsa.gov/>.
3. Once the BPAs are available, log into **GSA AdvantageSelect**, www.gsaadvantage.gov/advantageselect, identify the desktop and laptop product(s) you would like to purchase, add the desired quantities to your cart, and check out.
4. If you are unable to make your purchase through **GSA AdvantageSelect** portal, a purchase order may be issued to the BPA Holder for the equipment you require.
5. Post questions to the Acquisition Gateway in the **IT Hardware Category Community**, <https://hallways.cap.gsa.gov/app/%23/communities/it-hardware>
Submit questions to the GSA buying event team at Email: workstations@gsa.gov or
Discuss questions at our weekly GSS Buying Event office hours. Dates and times will be posted on www.gsa.gov/events soon.

For more information, visit
IT Schedule 70: Order Desktops and Laptops
<http://www.gsa.gov/portal/content/232959>

Governmentwide Strategic Solutions (GSS) for Desktops and Laptops
<https://www.gsaadvantage.gov/advantage/departments/gss.do>

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